WASHINGTON, TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 1900.

# ALL EYES ON PEKIN

Anxiety Concerning the Fate of Americans and Europeans.

RELIEF FORCE TURNS BACK

One Report Says Seymour Is Now at Tientsin.

BOMBARDMENT OF TAKU FORTS

Chinese Reply to the Ultimatum of the Combined Naval Sagadron by snult on the Fortifications-Four sinn Gunbont Blown Up-Losses of the Attacking Party-France Determined to Protect Her Consul.

LONDON. June 19 -- While the main incidents of the international bombardment outlined in the official and other despatches storming of Taku, from China, there is nothing to relieve the auxiety concerning the Americans and Europeans who are besieged in Pekin. Even Shanghai does not venture to send rumors

statement that they have returned to Tientsin is the message brought to Chefoo killed and one wounded; a total of twentyfrom Taku by a Japanese warship, and on one killed and fifty-seven wounded. this Lord Salisbury's statement in the House of Lords was based.

Despite the statement in the House of Commons by Mr. Broderick, Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, that telegraphic communication between Taku and Tientsin had been restored, no further news concerning the column has reached Chefoo. Here again the Shanghai cerrespondents can only telegraph that they

It is not known whether the action of in obedience to orders or whether it was Kwan at Taku. taken on his own impulse. Whichever it extent of putting China at war with the

No very definite opinions are expressed by the press as to what steps are in-the forts opened fire on the warships, to cumbent on the latter in the face of the which the German, Russian. British, grave actualities, though all the newspapers agree that the first care of all the powers is to save their respective legations and subjects in Pekin.

## Russin's Deep Game.

The belief grows stronger everywhere in Europe, except in France, that Russia is playing a deep game of self-aggrandizement in China. Few, however, go so far as to affirm that she instigated the great massacre which it is now believed has taken place. Such an idea is really absurd, for the rising has grown to such proportions that extensive operations by all the powers are now inevitable, and no country will now consent to Russia's taking a disproportionate part in the opera-

It is impossible as yet to furnish definite information as to the respective attitudes of the powers or to say whether a tentative agreement has actually been reached. but the attempts in Paris to show serious disagreement on certain points do not find credence in London.

The fact that the combined flects acted in hearty co-operation in the capture of the Taku forts is taken as a good augury of successful unity in the greater opera tions for the subjugation of the country which must follow.

The spirited action of M. Deleasse, the French Foreign Minister, in behalf of the French Consul at Yunnan-Sen, attracts much attention. The report published this afternoon represented the French Government as holding the Chinese Ambassador at Paris as a hostage for M Francois, and the statement naturally created a sensation. The report, however,

M. Delcasse's warning was addressed to the Vicercy of Yunnan. That official was told that his life would answer for the lives of French citizens in his power, and that he could not escape the reach of

## His Life at Stake.

An official of the French Foreign Office, in subsequetly commenting on the incident, explained that M. Francois' message had been four days in transmission. It was most probable that he had sent later despatches, which had been intercepted French Government is determined that if any Frenchmen are massacred in Yunnan-Sen it will not be contented this time with the mere dismissal of the Vice-Yoy. His life will be at stake. The Chinese have no respect for anything but force and France is prepared to meet them on this issue

A despatch to the "Times" from Shang hai gives from official sources a brief description of the fighting at Taku, which agrees in the main with the reports from Chefoo. It says that the ultimatum sent by the naval commanders threatened to CHESAPEAKE BEACH-ON THE BAY

Daily Schedule.

Lower Lumber Prices at the Priendly Corner. Call at F. Libbey & and N. Y. ave. destroy the forts unless troops were dis-

The Japanese torpedo boat destroye which took the news to Chefoo reported that the commander of the German gunpoat Iltis was seriously wounded,

The same correspondent states that nothing is known at Taku regarding Admiral Seymour's whereabouts. Two British, one American and five Chinese warships are now at Chefoe.

Other correspondents at Shanghai, apparently drawing their information from the usual questionable sources, report that the landing parties which occupied the forts drove out the Chinese at the point of the bayonet.

The struggle was short. Fully 400 Chinese were killed. The attackers numbered 2,006. They were chiefly Russians, but included Americans, British, Italians, Germans, Japanese, French, and Austrians. The Russian troops on the land side are reported to have co-operated with the naval force.

Gunbonts Under Fire.

at the gunboats lying inshere, name'y, the which have grown out of the Chinese situ-Firing on the Vessels-The War-Yorktown (American), Algerine (British), ation, took prompt action yesterday on ships Soon Compel Surrender-The Ilitis (German), Mand-hur (Russian), and the basis of despatches from Rear Admiral Atago (Japanese). Several of them were Remey at Manila, Rear Admiral Kempff struck by shells from the 12-inch guns, at Taku, Commander Taussig at Cheefoo, Action-Internationals Make an As- which made good practice. A shell explod- and Consul General Goodnow at Shanghal. ed in the Mandshur's magazine and the These despatches represented conditions vessel was blown up. The Algerine and that hear promise of startling events and Iltis were badly damaged, being struck the Government lost no time in arranging thirteen or fourteen times.

German detachment that was sent to Pekin quired. Rear Admiral Kempff, commandor of the legations at the capital.

CHEFOO, June 18 .- The forts on both sides of the Pei-Ho River are now occupied by international forces. It is reported that the British warship

Russian gunboat were badly damaged by the fire from the forts. It is stated that ing the position of Admiral Seymour's re- the Russian casualties were sixteen killed | Should the situation require it, more ships lief force. The only authority for the and forty-five wounded; German, three and more men will be sent to the mouth killed and seven wounded: British, one killed and four wounded; and French, one

The Chinese torpedo boats have been seized by the allied fleet.

The situation is critical at the treat port of Nieu-Chwang, province of Loao-Tung. Two villages near that place have been burned.

ANSWERED WITH CANNON SHOT Chinese Reply to the Ultimatum of

BERLIN, June 18 .- The German Consul

may have been, it is regarded here as conference on board the Russian admiral's and to assist him if necessary. If telealtering the aspect of the situation to the flagship, sent an ultimatum to the Chinese, graphic communication between Taku and demanding the withdrawal of the troops from the forts before 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

French, and Japanese vessels replied,

The fiting lasted seven hours. Two British ships were apparently sunk between the forts.

The telegraph line and the railway be iween Taku and Tientsin have been destroyed. Water communication between the two places is also menaced.

## FORTS KNOCKED TO PIECES.

Henvy Bombardment of Taku Forts by the Warships. LONDON, June 18 .- A despatch to the Central News from Shanghai confirms the report of the German Consul at Chefoo regarding the action at Taku between the Chinese and the foreign fleet, but makes no mention of the sinking of any British vessel. It says that after six hours' fighting .two of the forts were knocked to pieces. Troops were then landed and cap-

#### tured all the forts by assault. The casualties are unknown TAKU FORTS OCCUPIED.

Combined Navnt Forces Explode Chinese Magazine.

LONDON, June 18 .- A Cheefoo despatch of today's date says it is reported that men from the combined fleets occupied the T-ku north forts on June 17, after exploding the Chinese magazine. The British sloop Algerine was damaged and two officers and four men were wounded.

It is stated that large forces of Japanese and Russian troops are being landed. All is quiet at Chefoo.

## SEYMOUR AT TIENTSIN.

The International Naval Force Com pelled to Turn Back. LONDON, June 18.-The Admiralty has commander of the British warship Phoenix,

dated at Chefoo today, which says: "The Japanese man-of-war Tyopashi has just arrived from Taku. Her commander reports that the international force under Admiral Seymour, which started for Pekin, has returned to Tientsin."

## IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

alisbury in Doubt as to Why Sex mour Returned.

LONDON, June 18 .- In the House of Lords today Lord Salisbury stated that Admiral Seymour had returned to Tientsin. The Government, Lord Salisbury said, did not know exactly what grounds Admiral Seymour had for returning, or what his intentions were.

The Taku forts had been bombarded, out no definite information had been received as to the result. The Premier said he would like very much to be able to give fuller information on this subject, as it was one that had created the greatest anxiety, but he was unable to do so.

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## PROMPT ACTION TAKEN

America Appreciates the Danger to the Peace of the World.

The Battleship Ovegon Ordered to Proceed Immediately to Taku-Rear Admiral Kempff Given Instructions for His Guidance in the the Bombardment of the Forts by ing Made for the Transportation of Additional Forces From the Philippines to China-Great Anxiety Felt Over Minister Conger's Fate.

The American Government, appreciating The fire of the forts was at first directed the dangers to the peace of the world to meet them.

BERLIN, June 18 .- A semi-official de- The most important action of the Presispatch from Chefoo states that the Chinese dent was to direct that the battleship Oreat the time the despatch was sent were fir- gon, the most noted warship of the new ing into the foreign settlement at Tient in. navy, be ordered to proceed immediately to It adds that nothing has been heard of the Taku for such service as might be reing the division of the American fleet in The German gunboat Iltis lost three north Chinese waters, was given instrucand capture of the Taku forts are clearly men killed and seven wounded at the tions by telegraph for his guidance in the international complications which have she could ascend the Pel-Ho to Tientsin, come from the engagement between the Chinese forts and the foreign ships at Taku.

Under directions from the President ar-Algerine, the German gunboat Iltis, and a rangements are being made for the quick transportation of additional American forces from the Philippines to China. of the Pei-Ho River. Even now it is safe to say that two more war vessels, not counting the four at Taku and bound thither, will be ordered to join Admiral Kempff. As far as the assignment of milltary re-enforcements, conditions in the Philippines will not be permitted to interfere with what the President believes to be his duty toward American citizens in the Celestial Empire. If more troops are necessary they will be sent.

Prepared for Contingencies. The Administration had prepared for fust such a contingency as the engagement at Taku forts, and the apparent defeat of the international relief column. The at Chefoo cables to the Foreign Office War Department had already directed that a Japanese torpedo boat arrived there Major General MacArthur to despatch a the Chinese commander in attacking the had placed torpedoes in the Taku River necessary orders had been issued by Macregiment of infantry to Taku, and the fleet of some thirty foreign warships was and assembled troops from Shan Uia Arthur. The Navy Department had directed the gunboat Yorktown to proceed to The foreign naval commanders, after a Taku with a message to Admiral Kempff, the outside world has been re-established the Yorktown will remain there, thus ensuring a squadron of five American ves-At 1 o'clock on the morning of that day sels, the flagship Newark, a protected cruiser, the battleship Oregon, and the New Orleans, with two armed supply ships,

> the Solace and the Iris. At an early hour yesterday morning the Navy Department received the first news of the engagement between the Taku forts and the allied naval forces in the that we may be able to leave here safe following despatch from Commander Taussig, of the Yorktown:

"Chefoo, June 17 .- Taku fort fired upon foreign vessels about 12:45 a. m., June 17. Surrendered to allied forces at 8 a. m. The British Admiral TAUSSIG." Later came this message from Rear Admiral Remey, Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic naval station:

"Cavite (9:40 a. m.), June 18. "Bureau of Navigation, Washington: "Taussig cables that Taku forts fired upon foreign gun vessels, and then sur-rendered to allied forces morning o June 17. Kempff asks instructions about foining other powers who are taking united action in demanding that Taku forts be turned over to them to secure favorable termination of trouble Will Department instruct Kempff through Taku, at Chefoo, and give the same information? REMEY.

General MacArthur: "Manila, June 17.

"Adjutant General, Washington:

"Ninth Infantry, Colonel Liscum, ordered Taku, on Logan, transportation Port Albert, probably start 24th. Typhoca delays response."

This despatch was received from Major

## phoon delays movement. "M'ARTHUR."

Instructions for Kempff. After a consultation between the President, Secretary Hay, and the Acting Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Hackett, the instructions asked for by Admiral Kempff were prepared and telegraphed. They were in general terms, and, it is understood, did not refer specifically to the extent of Amer lean participation in the joint demand for the possession of the Taku forts. In substance his instructions were to do everycommander of the British warship Phoenix. thing he deemed proper for the protection of American interests, keeping in mind however, that he must avoid anything com mitting the United States to an alliance with foreign nations for political purposes. Secretary Hay, when asked concerning the character and extent of these instructions, made this answer:

"Our naval forces in that region hav een directed to act concurrently forces of the other powers for the pretec-tion of all American interests."

A short despatch from Commander Taus-

sig at Chefoo, announcing the receipt the Navy Department's instructions to Admiral Kempfi and the departure of the Yorktown from Chefoo for Taku was the only other news received by the Navy De-partment. Another message received by the Government was from Consul General Goodnow at Sharghal. It confirmed the news contained in Admiral Remoy's and Commander Taussig's despatches.

The orders for the Oregon to proceed to Taku were sent to her commander, Capt G. F. F. Wilde, early yesterday afternoon Capt. The big armorelad is at Hongkong, and alowing for the necessary time to coal and

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may not be at Taku for h week. She al-ready has 500 men on board, and some of these will immediately be detailed for shore service. General MacArthur's statement that the Ninth Infantry will not be able to leave Manila until June 24 makes it improbable that the regiment will reach Taku before July 1. The cruiser New Or-leans, now at Cavite, and the gunboat Bon Juan de Austria, now at Swatow, China, may be ordered to Taku within the next twenty-four hours.

None of the officials of the Administration who were seen yesterday were willing

to say whether they believed a state of war exists in China within the accepted mean-ing of the term. Nearly all of them said they preferred to wait un'il they had fur ther advices about the reasons for the engagements at Taku. It was admitted by some of them, however, that the ex-change of shots between the Taku forts and the foreign fleet would be accepted ordinarily as an act of var, but for the peculiar conditions of the Chinese trou-ble, the matter might be settled amicably by an apology from the Chinese Government and a repudiation of the action of the native commander at Taku in open-ing fire, with a promise that he and others responsible for the indignity should be punished. But the officials of the Gov-ernment do not deny that the excuse for which some of the foreign nations are said to have been looking to send large armies into China, has been afforded by the battle at the mouth of the Pei-Ho.

Minister Conger's Fate. The Government's greatest concern is over the fate of Minister Conger, the members of his legation and the American contingent of the international relief column, which started for Pekin under the British Admiral Seymour. The meagre statement in Commander Taussig's despatch that the British admiral was at of the ticket from the first. He says to us Tientsin caused considerable worry at the that he would rather be left in the Gov-White House and the Navy Department, as it indicated that the relief column had been forced to retire to Tientsin. The gunboat Monocacy, now with Kempff's command, was ordered to Taku because where Kempff, according to one of his despatches, wanted to use her, supposedly for the supply of the Americans in the relief column

Many telegrams of enquiry from people who have relatives in Pekin were received by the State Department yesterday, Min-ister Conger's sister, Mrs. Baldwin, called in person on Secretary Hay, in the hope of obtaining some news of her brother As far as the State Department is in formed the American personnel of the legation consists of Mr. and Mrs. Conger and their daughter; a visiting lady; H. B. Squires, of New York, Secretary of the legation; W. G. Bainbridge, of Iowa, Second Secretary, and F. V. Chesire, Interpre-

Mr. Wu, the Chinese Minister, and Herr von Holleben, the German Ambassador, called on Secretary Hay vesterday morning. Dr. Holleben expressed great anxiety as to the fate of Minister von Ketteler, and was greatly dejected when he found that no word had been re gived here.

#### FRANCE'S FIRM ATTITUDE. leeroy at Yunnan-Sco Must Answer

for French Cousts Snfety, PARIS, June 18.-M. Francois, French Consul at Lang Chow, cables M. Delcasse, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, from Yunnan-Sen, under date of June 14.

"We are prevented from leaving and are practically prisoners in our houses. The English and French missions have been special privileges granted by the lawburned We are without clothes, and everything has been taken away. Even the cipher is gone and we cannot cable the legation (M. Pichon at Pekin). The Government must demand energetic action from the Government at Pekin in order

On receipt of the above message M. Delcasse, being unable to reach Pekin by cable, invited the Chinese Ambassador to come to the Foreign Office, and asked him to telegraph the Viceroy of Yunnan-Sen, saying that if anything happened to M. Francois, he (the Viceroy) would have to

answer for it to France with his life. M. Delcasse did not know just how to reach M. Francois, but at the same time that he could not be re-elected Governor conveyed the substance of the above statement and told the Consul if possible to present the despatch to the Viceroy. The Chinese Ambassador promised that he would do all in his power to have the Frenchmen in China taken care of.

M. Deleasse's tone in addressing the Ambassador was very severe. The diplomat, in spite of his usual oriental complacency, was visibly troubled,

News has been received that pirates are ecoming active on the West River in north Canton and that the depredations are extending almost to the French possessions. Twenty thousand rifles have been landed in the past two months by way of Hongkong through Macao, with the knowledge, it is alleged, of the Portuguese Governor of that province. This official, a French politician said today, had certainly been less severe than his colleague at Lourence Marques,

#### THE POLICY TOWARD CHINA. erious Differences of Opinio

Among the Powers. PARIS, June 18 .- The Impression preails here that England is not wholly ignorant of the landing of arms at Macao, a Portuguese possession at the southwest entrance of the Canton River. Should the insurrection in southern

China assume formidable dimensions, France will find difficulty in defending her large interests there while at the ame time supporting effectively the Russian policy at Pekin, which, it is said, aims at maintaining the status quo. It is asserted that Germany assents to

this policy, whereas Great Britain and Japan are reported to be seeking to suppress the Empress and revolutionize the Government by installing reformers. It is stated that it will shortly be seen

that serious divergencies of views exist among the powers interested in the Chinese problem, though because of the common danger every effort has been made to cover up the same.

The French troops will probably advance and seize Mongtue unless M. Francois is not released. This will reoper the question of the preparlerance of British or French influence in Yunnan-Sen, which has already aroused much jealousy

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Vice Presidential Coils Tighten Around Roosevelt.

money he thinks will be required to re-His Statement Begging to Be Released Fastens the Lasso More Sebany-As McKinley's Running Mate He Will Add Strength to the Weak Trusts-The Shrewd Political Game

Rough Rider's latest statement simply has tightened the coils around him. The view the delegates take of him and of the Mr. McKinley will consent to Roosevelt's meaning of his so-called plea to be released from the lasso around his neck was very well summarized by the Hon, Daniel M. Houser, publisher of the "St. Louis Globe-Democrat," the most potent Republican factor in the politics of the West. "Governor Roosevelt's announcement,"

said Mr. Houser, who heads the Missouri delegation, "simply confirms the opinion I have held of his relations to the tail ernor's chair at Albany, but if we need him we can have him. And we will take him. I now look for him to be nominated by acciamation and do not think any other name will be presented to the Convention. "The Missouri delegation will vote solid-

ly for him. Kansas will do the same. Nebraska will swing in behind our lead. Even Iowa will go to Roosevelt with a whoop, now that it is certain we can get him. The work of the Convention is over, all except the shouting. Our ticket will be Mc-Kinley and Roosevelt."

Teddy Still Dramatic.

The circumstances which attended the issuing of Roosevelt's statement show that the Rough Rider is determined to be theatrical to the end. At 11 o'clock this morning he ordered his private secretary to say ter. Lieut. Albert Key, U. S. N., Naval that at 4 o'clock this afternoon he would at Pekin with Mrs. Key, who was Miss Condit-Smith, of this city. Lleutenant Key is a son of the late Judge Key, of Tennessee, Postmaster General in the countries of R. B. Hayes. the nation focused upon him, and him only, for that length of time. The gaze of mankind is exhilarating to Roosevelt. If he were obscured from the public eye life

would lose its charm to him, The centre of the stage and the full, fierce glare of the calcium are the only considerations upon which the Rough Rider will play. He has accomplished his purpose along this line. The Vice Presidency per se has no attractions for him. Everybody understands that. But the Vice

Presidency is better than nothing. The Platt machine, greased by the corporations of New York and resting upon by the trusts and other aggregations of the tremendously strong foundation of the wealth in that community, which depends for its redundant corpulence upon the making power of the State, and the safe- it should be made apparent that Roosevelt guard thrown around it by a blind and amiable executive, has decreed long ago that Roosevelt must not again be Governor. This means that Roosevelt will

not again be Governor of New York. It might be that Roosevelt could force the Platt machine to give him renominataking a horse to water without the power to make the horse drink. Nobody appreciates this condition of affairs better than Roosevelt does. He is aware that if he were renominated the Platt machine would be compelled to beat him at the polls or go out of business itself. Roosevelt is no fool even if he is frightfully puffed up with vanity. He has known for months e filed a despatch addressed to him which of New York, because the Platt machine

#### could not afford to permit his re-election Hanna Knows It. Too.

The Hon, Mark Hanna has known this, too, and so has Mr. McKinley, who is about as adroit a politician as this generation of Americans has known. Each of these eminent gentlemen also is aware that corporations will spend millions for defence, but haggle over giving up one dollar for tribute. In demanding the retirement of Roosevelt from the governorship the corporations have followed this

principle. Roosevelt is committed, as a matter of good politics, to warfare against certain of the giant corporations which have been controlling the parties of New York fo many years. If the national managers of the Republican party-meaning Mr. Hanna and Mr. McKinley-wanted Roosevelt elected Governor he would be kept in that office. By the same token, if these two gentlemen did not want Roosevelt on the ticket with Mr. McKinley another running mate would be found. Then it is "up to" Mr. Hanna and Mr. McKinley to prevent the nomination of Roosevelt for Vice President. This is the plain unmistakable truth. It is so palpable a truth that not one loyal Republican in a hundred here has the hardthood to deny it. But if Mr. Hanna and Mr. McKinley

should permit the corporations of Nev York to defeat Roosevelt for renomination a party split would be caused which would be certain to give New York to Bryan in November. If they should force Roose velt's renomination, the Platt machine acting for the corporations, would knife Roosevelt in November, and as before renarked, knives are dangerous weapons to have around the polls. When the voter gets the slashing idea well fixed in his head, there is no telling whom he will slash. This, then, would also very greatly endanger the electoral ticket in New York, Therefore the safest course for Mr. Han na and Mr. McKinley is that middle course which leads to the nomination of Roose velt for Vice President. He is popular in the West, and will add much strength in Indiana, Illinois, and Kansas. His re-

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Roosevelt can possibly do no harm as presiding officer of the Senate, why should not the corporations and their allied interests, which ramify every department of big endeavor in the country, put up liberally when Mr. Hanna decides how much

elect Mr. McKinley. This is the game which the Hannaites have been playing for these many months. of the Theatrical Causes Him to It would not do to confess that Mr. Mc Kinley needed strengthening, and, there Delay His Pronunciamento - The fore, they were unwilling to publicly dis-Rough Rider Not Wanted at Al- play a desire for Roosevelt to go on the tail of the ticket. Mr. Hanna and his press agents have convinced the gullible country that Messrs. Platt and Quay are Republican Declaration Against very wicked men, who have conspired with the corporations to annihilate Roosevelt Wherefore, in a spirit of magnanimity toward Roosevelt and a desperate determina tion to show to the world that the brave PHILADELPHIA, June 18.-It is still talk against the rapacity of organized Roosevelt and nobedy but Roosevelt. The wealth, which Mr. Hanna will put in the platform to be adopted this week, is something more than idle, Mr. Hanna and

> name going on the ticket. It should not be overlooked that for weeks Mr. Hanna has been claiming that he had no candidate for Vice President. Nor should it be overlooked that a week ago Mr. Hanna had his press agents announce that he, at last, had selected Cornelius Bliss as the running mate mainly because Blais could raise money. This announcement, of course, brought a quick protest from the party workers everywhere against Bliss. Mr. Hanna was reminded by them that he must not ac knowledge to the world that the Republican party would need money, and much of it, this year to re-elect Mr. McKinley.

Helped the Game Along. All of this helped along the Roosevelt game and Mr. Hanna doubtless smiled a real cute smile when he realized how well the scheme was working. He knew that the howl that had been raised against the wicked Platt's threatened annihilation of Roosevelt at the behest of the corporations would intensify the sentiment of the country for Roosevelt to be taken care of. He likewise appreciated the fact that the recoil from Bliss, which his frank avowal of support would produce, would carry the party over to Roosevelt as a much heralded anti-corporation statesman the only one of note in the Republican

not the whole Republican party for had he not declared his opposition to Roosevelt and avowed his determination to put a money-producer like Bliss upon the ticket with Mr. McKinley? The delegates very easily have fallen into the trap Mr. Hanna and Mr. McKinley laid for them and the nation, and are going to take the party out of the hands of Hanna by nominating the Rough Rider.

They are also going to show the country that the fool Democrats and Populists led when they declared that the Republican party was controlled and dominated capital. Roosevelt will stand for this contention of the campaign that is opening.

The Westerners say tonight that if by any possible combination of circumstances will not be nominate tively reported that there is a hard and fast agreement on this point between Missouri, likelihood that the occasion will present in the approaching national battle. tion, but this would be another case of itself for Dolliver to become the beneficiary

of this agreement. Unless every ordinary sign faits the Hon Theodore Roosevelt will be nominated for Hanna that the Governor has eliminated Vice President by acclamation and with a wild whoop. The necessity which demands his name on the ticket cannot be considparty. Still, it is evident from the talk one hears here on every side that what Mr. McKinley is looking for now is not compliments, but votes. J. J. D.

## BOOMLETS AT PHILADELPHIA.

Names Mentioned in Connection

With the Vice Presidency. PHILADELPHIA, June 18 .- In spite of the fact that there seems to be some trou ble about the selection of a candidate for Vice President there are no end of applicants for the place on hand, and each man has got a boom. One of the booms that got in today was that of Judge Bartlett Tripp, of Dakota. It came in the possession of the Utah delegation, and in the personal possession of Gov. H. M. Wells

The Utah men had Tripp buttons and they also brought along a woman delegate the only one who was officially entitled to a seat on the floor of Convention Hall, She is Mrs. W. H. Jones, of Salt Lake City, President of the Woman's Republican Club, of that city, and wife of ranchman. She is an alternate and as such is entitled to a seat on the floor. Mrs. Jones declared today that she believed women had a perfect right to be in politics, and in her country said there never was any opposition to their getting there.

Another boom is that for President Scott, of the Union Iron Works, of San

Francisco. Still another boom is that for Gen. J. L. Torrey, of Montana. General Torrey's boom is in the hands of A. O. Bunnell, the editor of the "Dansville Advertiser, in New York. The Torrey boom has a button with a picture of the candidate on a dark horse, standing in front of the White House steps. This is surrounded by American flags. General Torrey was the "original Rough Rider," so it is said. He is the man who first suggested the Rough Riders, and after the First Regi-ment was formed be became colonel of the econd Regiment.

Platt Denies a Rumor

PHILADELPHIA, June 18 - Senator Thomas C. Platt is not seriously ill. in fact, he seemed the pink of health when seen at his room at the Walton today. He denied that he had met with an accident which resulted in the fracture of a rib.

race for the Kalser's cup today was won Julianer finished second and Columbine third.

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PHILADELPHIA. June 18 .- Before saying a single word about the Vice Presidential situation late tonight, a statement which Gov. Theodore Roosevelt issed at the Hotel Walton at 4 o'clock this afternoon should be considered.

himself to an assemblage of over one hundred newspaper correspondents. He read it slowly and with emphasis. He seemed to be very much in earnest. This statement

Governor Roosevelt read the statement

"In view of the revival of the talk of myself as a Vice Presidential candidate, I have this to say:

"It is impossible too deeply to express how touched I am by the attitude of those delegates who have wished me to take this nomination. Moreover it is not necessary to say how thoroughly I understand the high honor and dignity of the office, an office so high and so honorable that it is well worthy the ambition of any man in the

United States. "But while I appreciate all this to the full, nevertheless I feel most deeply that the field of my best usefulness to the public and to the party is in New York State, and if the party should see fit to renominate me for Governor I can in that position help the national ticket as in no other way. I very earnestly ask that every friend of mine in the Convention respect my wish and my judgment in this matter." Sitting beside Governor Roosevelt at the ime were National Committeeman Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin: Representative Lucius N. Littauer, of New York, and Frederick W. Holls, of Yonkers, N. Y. Governor Roosevelt did not issue the foregoing statement until after he had a threeconference with the following gentlemen: Prof. Jenks, of Cornell University; Dr. Shaw, editor of the "Review of Reviews;" Nicholas Murray Butler, Frederick W. Holls, and ex-Judge Coyne, all of New York, and Clinton Rogers Woodruff, of Philadelphia.

### As Viewed by Hanna.

Governor Roosevelt's statement has been made the keynote of the situation tonight. Senator Hanna and all his political and personal friends declare unre-Roosevelt from the situation. Hanna, after a long conference with these friends. says that this Convention should either nominate Secretary Long or Senator Pairbanks. Senator Hanna, however, believes that the stronger candidate of the two is Secretary Long, for the reason that the ecretary of the Navy has been identified ver practically in a body. It is authorita. with the policies and purposes of the Administration for the last four years, and that with the President he would in every Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, California, and respect represent those policies and pur-Indiana. But at this juncture there is no poses which must come up for discussion

Governor Roosevelt's friends, who conferred with him today and whose names are mentioned above, agree with Senator himself from this situation. Senator Platt did not care to talk for publication at this time, although it was understood ered complimentary to Mr. McKinley or his he believed the great enthusiasm which has been manifested here for Roosevelt cannot be snuffed out by any such statement as that issued by the Governor. In a word, Senator Platt still believes this Convention is to be stampeded for Gov-

ernor Roosevelt. Senator Hanna, however, declared very late tonight that he had the Convention well in hand and that it could not be stampeded for Governor Roosevelt. Senator Hanna further said:

"Governor Roosevelt's statement has been taken by everybody to be his final and irrevocable decision. I believe you will bear a great deal more about Secretary Long as the possible Vice Presidential candidate tomorrow."

The New York State delegation met tonight in the Hotel Walton and was in session exactly ten minutes. Odell, of the Republican State Committee, called the delegation to order and Senator Chauncey M. Depew took the chair. The following officers of the delegation were unanimously elected:

Chairman of the delegation, Senator Platt; for member of Committee on Resolutions. Lemuel E. Quigg: to notify the President, Frank S. Witherbee; rules, George A. Aldridge; credentials, Representative Sereno E. Payne; permanent organization, Gen. William C. Wallace: vice president for the delegation in the convention, ex-Gov. Frank S. Black; to notify the Vice Presidential nominee, Gen. Francis V. Greene; secretary of the delegation, John W. Dwight. The detegation then adjourned until 4 o'clock tomerrow afternoon.

Trying to Crush the Boom.

Pursuant to the promise of Nicholas Murray Butler and Frederick W. Holls, last night, Governor Roosevelt started out this morning early to stamp out the enthusiasm with which his name had been received. He first sent word down to Senator Hanna's apartment that he would like to see Mr. Hanna, and the Chairman of the Republican National Committee was quickly closeted with Governor Roosevelt. Governor Roosevelt told Mr. Hanna again that he did not desire the nomination, and Senator Hanna left the conference with the Governor, saying that he was perfectly convinced that Governor Roosevelt intended to stand by his utter-

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